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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Most Reverend Donald W. Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, offered the following prayer:

Good and gracious God, the all powerful font of life and goodness, wisdom and holiness, You call us to make our way through this life with You and challenge us to walk arm in arm with each other.

As we confront the human condition, You bless us with our intellect and free will to establish institutions to guide our human affairs and confirm the possibility of freedom, personal development and prosperity in the context of the common good and justice for all.

We ask You to bless and strengthen all who strive to improve the human condition and foster a caring respect for each person and who fashion the laws that enable a good and just society.

In Your loving goodness, bless the Members of this assembly, the House of Representatives of the United States, so that in all their deliberations and discussions, they will always be inspired by the vision of Your loving kindness and powerful grace.

As work is conducted here today, may it bear rich fruit that continues to nurture all of the citizens of this Nation and our dreams for a better world. All of this we ask in Your most holy name. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### INTRODUCTION OF THE MOST REVEREND DONALD W. WUERL, ARCHBISHOP OF WASHINGTON

(Mr. MURPHY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank our guest chaplain today, the Archbishop Donald Wuerl, for leading us in prayer.

He attended Saint Mary of the Mount parish and school, and then studied at the Athenaeum of Ohio in Cincinnati, was ordained to the priesthood in 1966. He received graduate degrees from the Catholic University of America, the Gregorian University in Rome, and his doctoral in theology from Saint Thomas Aquinas in Rome in 1974.

He began his career as an assistant pastor at Saint Rosalia parish in Pittsburgh. There he became a secretary to Pittsburgh Bishop John Wright. From 1981 to 1985, he served as rector for Saint Paul's Seminary in Pittsburgh, and in 1988 Bishop Wuerl was installed as the 11th Bishop of Pittsburgh, where for 18 years he led 800,000 Roman Catholics in 214 parishes throughout southwestern Pennsylvania.

We also knew him in Pittsburgh for his weekly television program, "The Teaching of Christ," which is now widely distributed through the Christian Associates cable channel, and throughout its national syndication. As a writer, his best-selling catechism of the same name is now in its 30th year of publication and has been translated into more than 10 languages and used throughout the world.

We are very grateful for Archbishop Wuerl's presence here. We are sorry to

have him gone from Pittsburgh, but we know he will do a great job now in the diocese of Washington, DC.

### WELCOMING ARCHBISHOP DONALD WUERL TO WASHINGTON, DC

(Ms. NORTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I take considerable pleasure in welcoming Archbishop Donald Wuerl to Washington and to the archdiocese of Washington. Although born in Pittsburgh, where he last served, Archbishop Wuerl is very familiar with Washington where he studied at our own Catholic University of America. The archbishop follows Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, whose humble priestly ways and message of inclusiveness made him beloved by people of all religions and backgrounds here.

Archbishop Wuerl will minister both to official Washington and to average parishioners in the District and Maryland. The archbishop's work in Pittsburgh, however, foreshadows a leader who is first and foremost a pastor. We warmly welcome Archbishop Donald Wuerl.

### IRANIAN PRESIDENT'S SPEECH AT U.N.

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, we witnessed an Iranian dictator lecture us on freedom, democracy and justice. Ironically, in his own country, this tyrant denies his own people the basic rights of freedom of speech and freedom to assemble. Women are denied rights of inheritance, divorce and child custody, and youth of their rights of self-expression and economic creativity.

While he may resent us for being powerful, he does not realize that the

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foundation of our power is rooted in the freedom of our great people to pursue happiness, to innovate and to speak freely. These rights are denied to the people of Iran, and that is why, even with the soaring prices of oil, more than 40 percent of the Iranians are living below the poverty line.

Today in Iran dissent is brutally repressed, and terror is the regime's only instrument for domestic or foreign policy. This tyrant accuses the free world that they are denying the people of Iran their rights to nuclear energy, yet he forgets that the Islamic regime is denying the great people of Iran their God-given rights to self-respect and human dignity. He spoke of universal justice, yet he denies the Holocaust, and has threatened to wipe Israel off the map.

This regime wrongfully portrays the war on terror as a war of civilizations, yet uses every opportunity to export its brutal ideology, violently, to the other nations. We are not at war with any religion or civilization. We are at war with terrorism and terrorist interpretations of any religion. We need to protect the civilized world from the threat of Islamic fascism.

#### DANCING AROUND SERIOUS ISSUES AND AVOIDING OUR CONGRESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

(Mr. BLUMENAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, we have elevated to an art form here in Congress dancing around serious issues and avoiding our congressional responsibilities. Torture is a case in point, not extreme interrogation, but let's call it what it is: torture.

At the same time the President was asking Congress to rubber-stamp his policies of torture, the military was saying that torture does not give good information, and they were against it. Torture puts our troops at risk in giving our enemies the green light to torture our people. Torture lowers our image, our moral standing around the world.

In yesterday's headlines across America and across the world, there was the story of the Canadian citizen we kidnapped and we sent to Syria, a country on our terrorist watch list, so he could be tortured. His ordeal did not end for a year. Three years later, he is walking around a free man, never charged and Congress, spineless, has not taken action to stop this barbaric, illegal and immoral practice. It is time for us, as we stumble towards adjournment, to deal with something meaningful, investigate this outrage, and legislate protections.

#### WHERE IS LAFAYETTE?

(Mr. POE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, "Let them eat cake" is what Marie Antoinette said to

the starving French people, showing her ignorance of the world around her. Today it can be used to describe France's position on handling terror threats.

France's current Prime Minister said last week: "Against terrorism, what we need is not a war. It is, as France has done for many years, a determined fight based on vigilance at all times and effective cooperation with our partners." In other words, more talk, no action.

What France fails to consider is we tried that. Madrid's trains have been attacked. London's buses and subways have blown up. American embassies were bombed. The USS *Cole* was attacked, and, of course, there was September 11.

This war started years ago. The terrorists struck first across the globe. They declared war on us. They don't want to talk. It is now our duty to win this war, not wave France's new national white flag of surrender. What France and free people need is the spirit of Lafayette in this war on terror, not the current ignorance of Marie Antoinette, who was talking all the way to the guillotine and lost her head because she failed to see the real world around her.

And that's just the way it is.

#### FEDERAL ELECTION INTEGRITY ACT OF 2006

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today's Federal Election Integrity Act of 2006 has nothing to do with protecting the right to vote and everything to do with restricting it. The real threat to our electoral system is not a contrived conspiracy of noncitizens illegally voting in Federal elections. The true threat is vulnerable electronic voting machines.

It is machines with no paper trail. It is poll workers with inadequate training and resources. It is voter alienation because people have lost faith in the political process. Congress has the ability and the duty to act on real voting reform that addresses the real issues that mar our electoral system, issues researched and documented by countless activists and academics.

There is a reason the article in the Washington Post, "Major problems at Polls Feared," does not once mention concerns about noncitizens voting. It is not a real issue of voting reform. If we want to strengthen democracy, we want to protect the right to vote. We want to reengage Americans in our government.

We need real voting reform now. Throw out electronic voting machines, that Diebold technology election hacker's dream. Go to paper ballots, a paper trail. Make our election process honest again. Enough of stolen elections. Make every vote count, and let every vote be honestly counted.

#### "BORDER SECURITY FIRST" DOES NOT MEAN "BORDER SECURITY ONLY"

(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, a Nation without borders is not a Nation. In recent days, this Congress has taken important first steps to restore operational control of our borders. I was pleased to support the Secure Fence Act of 2006 and additional measures that we will bring to the floor of this Congress this week.

American people want Congress to put border security first, Mr. Speaker. But border security first does not mean border security only. Congress must secure our borders, but the American people know that securing our borders is a necessary but insufficient solution to the crisis of illegal immigration.

After we secure our borders, Congress must also enact a new temporary worker program, without amnesty, and without creating a new Federal bureaucracy, and I believe we will. We must do no less than secure our border, but we must do more to ensure that we solve this domestic crisis in a manner consistent with law and order and the compassionate character of the great American Nation.

#### REMEMBERING DONNA KAMMRITZ

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, on September 7, a champion of our community, someone who had waged and won countless battles for people, lost one of her own. Donna Kammrutz was a friend. But even more than that, she was someone who stared down adversity with a passion, principle and tenacity. Whether it was her brave fight against cancer, a disease I too have fought, or her impassioned commitment to the rights of working people, Donna never stopped. She always fought. She may not have won every battle, but she never gave in.

Indeed, it was through her volunteer work as director of research for The Organization for the Rights of American Workers, TORAW, that I first met this remarkable woman. A mother of two daughters, Heather and Rachel, Donna's job had just been sent offshore. She lost her health insurance, and she had just been diagnosed with cancer.

At a moment when most people would have thrown in the towel, Donna fought back. She faced her cancer with courage. She drew upon her personal experience with outsourcing to infuse TORAW with the energy and focus we needed to elevate the issue to the national level, and she did so for as long as she could.

Donna helped bring together the entire Connecticut delegation, Republicans and Democrats, to press the government to start confronting the issue